

**Minutes of the Grinnell City Council Meeting
Monday, April 3, 2006**

The City Council of the City of Grinnell met in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Grinnell Community Center, 927 4th Avenue, Grinnell, Iowa, at 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 3, 2006. Mayor Canfield presided.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Witt, Wright, Wilson, McNaul, White

ABSENT: Worley.

PERFECTING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Moved by WHITE, second by WITT, to approve the Agenda and the Consent Agenda as presented. Vote: (5) ayes, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Previous minutes as drafted from the Monday, March 20, 2006 Regular Session.
- B. Approval of the Class BW Liquor License Renewal for Michael's, 720 5th Avenue.
- C. Approval of the request by Grinnell College for one day transfer of the liquor license from Grinnell House (1101 Park Street) to the Harris Center (1114 10th Avenue) for a wedding reception on May 27, 2006.
- D. Approval of the request by Grinnell College for one day transfer of the liquor license from Grinnell House (1101 Park Street) to the Harris Center (1114 10th Avenue) for a wedding reception on June 24, 2006.
- E. Approval of the request by Grinnell College for one day transfer of the liquor license from Grinnell House (1101 Park Street) to the Harris Center (1114 10th Avenue) for a wedding reception on July 22, 2006.
- F. Approval of the Off Premise Application for Liquor, Wine or Beer for Murphy Oil USA #7302, 521 Industrial Avenue.
- G. Approval of the request by the Grinnell Rotary Club for the waiver of fees for use of the Community Center on Thursday, June 8, 2006 for the annual Rotary Chicken BBQ in addition to the use of the parking lot. (All deposit fees still apply.)
- H. Acceptance of the resignation submitted by Donna Briggs – Administrative Assistant – Recreation Department.
- I. Approval of the request submitted by Madison Tomfeld on behalf of the local Country/Bluegrass group for waiver of fees for the use of the Community Center for the annual concert. The event will be Saturday, April 15, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. (All deposit fees still apply.)

APPROVAL OF THE CLAIMS:

Moved by WHITE, second by MCNAUL, to approve payment of the claims where funds are available. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, McNaul, Wilson, Wright, Witt. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Mayor Canfield opened the public hearing in regard to the issuance of not to exceed \$100,000 General Obligation Capital Loan Notes at 7:03 pm. Hage noted no

comments or objections had been received prior to the meeting. Canfield requested comments and objections from the citizens present. There were none.

Moved by WHITE, second by WITT, to close the public hearing at 7:04 pm. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Witt, McNaul, Wright, Wilson. Motion carried.

Moved by WHITE, second by WITT, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2946: "RESOLUTION INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS TO TAKE ADDITIONAL ACTION FOR THE AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$100,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2006." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Witt, Wright, Wilson, McNaul. Motion carried.

Mayor Canfield opened the public hearing in regard to the proposed addendum 1 to the Comprehensive Plan 2004 at 7:05 pm. Hage noted no comments or objections had been received prior to the meeting. Canfield requested comments and objections from the citizens present. There were none.

Moved by MCNAUL, second by WHITE, to close the public hearing at 7:06 pm. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McNaul, White, Wilson, Wright, Witt. Motion carried.

Moved by WHITE, second by WITT, to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2947: "RESOLUTION ADOPTING ADDENDUM 1 TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2004 FOR THE CITY OF GRINNELL, IOWA." Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, McNaul, Wilson, Witt, Wright. Motion carried.

Mayor Canfield opened the public hearing in regard to the proposal to rezone 300' in the city of Grinnell, Iowa commonly referred to as a portion of the R & B Preliminary Plat. at 7:07 pm. Hage noted no comments or objections had been received prior to the meeting. Canfield requested comments and objections from the citizens present. There were none.

Moved by WHITE, second by MCNAUL, to close the public hearing at 7:08 pm. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, McNaul, Wilson, Witt, Wright. Motion carried.

Moved by WHITE, second by WITT, to conduct the first reading of Ordinance No. 1267: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 774 BY CHANGING CERTAIN DISTRICTS SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP." (The ordinance refers to the east 300 feet of property owned by R&B Rental, LLC.) Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Witt, McNaul, Wright, Wilson. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS/COMMITTEE MINUTES:

- A. Finance Committee: March 20, 2006
- B. Planning Committee: March 20, 2006
- C. Public Works and Grounds Committee: March 20, 2006
- D. Public Safety Committee: March 21, 2006
- E. Grinnell City Council Special Session: March 27, 2006.
- F. Get-12 Cable Television: March 21, 2006
- G. Veteran's Memorial Commission: March 21, 2006.
- H. Human Rights Commission: January 17 and March 20, 2006
- I. Correspondence: Office narrative submitted by the City Clerk.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

- A. Report from the Finance Committee.
 - Review of House File 766 – Commercial and Industrial Property Tax Limitation.

White reviewed legislation currently proposed to implement a rollback for commercial and industrial property values similar to the residential roll back. This would result in a loss of revenue for the city in the first year of \$90,000. Staff has met with local representatives to express the great concern of the city.

- Review of the proposed water and sewer utility rate increases.

The Finance Committee has approved increasing the utility rates 3.5% each year for the next ten years. The ordinance will be prepared and considered at the next regular meeting. The new rates would not go into effect until July 1, 2006 and then July 1 of each of the following years.

Moved by WHITE, second by WITT, to direct staff to prepare the necessary legislation for the next regular meeting.

Wilson commented that for over twenty years the rate has only increased at 2% per year. Costs of business have increased and the city is simply trying to keep revenues in line with expenditures.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Witt, McNaul, Wilson, Wright. Motion carried.

- Discussion in regard to the Rain Forest Development.

White stated Grinnell has been announced to be one of four finalist cities for the location of the development. Staff will continue to work with the selection committee. The final location will be determined in the next six weeks.

- Review of the contract proposed by Grinnell State Bank in regard to the ACH program.

Moved by WHITE, second by MCNAUL, to approve the contract proposed by Grinnell State Bank in regard to the ACH program. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, McNaul, Witt, Wright, Wilson. Motion carried.

- Review of the special request for assistance from the Campbell Fund.

The committee agreed this request should be considered by other community organizations as the individual is over the income guidelines.

- Review of the requests for assistance from the Campbell Fund.

The requests were approved as presented.

One inquiry was made into an abandoned vehicle located by the car redemption facility. Behrens stated staff had already addressed the concern.

- B. Report from the Planning Committee.
- Review of the Appraisal Report received in regard to Parkland Conversion at Arbor Lake.

Moved by MCNAUL, second by WHITE, to proceed with preparing legal descriptions and surveys for the land exchange upon consent of the property owner. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McNaul, White, Wilson, Wright, Witt. Motion carried.

- Update in regard to the E-Governance Evaluation Project with Iowa State University.

McNaul stated this is an ongoing project to review the effectiveness of the web site.

- C. Report from the Public Works and Grounds Committee.
- Review of the proposed dates for Spring Clean-up.

Witt reviewed the dates that have been established as the following:

1 st Ward	Monday and Tuesday	April 24 and 25, 2006
2 nd Ward	Wednesday and Thursday	April 26 and 27, 2006
3 rd Ward	Monday and Tuesday	May 1 and 2, 2006
4 th Ward	Wednesday and Thursday	May 3 and 4, 2006

Baker has pointed out special pickups are available all year long for a rate of \$31.50. He feels citizens should be encouraged to regularly dispose of their waste as opposed to stockpiling it for the clean up. New regulations being considered by the landfill could impact the city's ability to collect and dispose of electronic waste.

- Discuss damage to the rain garden at Arbor Lake.

Staff continues to address damage caused by soil erosion at the Windsor Manor development. This item will be reported on again in the future.

- Receive information in regard to the Central Business District parking study.

A study completed by Veenstra and Kimm has determined that adequate parking stalls are available for use in the central business district. This item is being referred to the Public Safety Committee for further discussion.

- Discussion in regard to the proposed sanitary sewer extension for Broad Street South.

Anderson has prepared cost estimates for completion of extending the sewer 1000 feet to the south. The grade appears to be adequate for providing the city future expansion options for additional extensions.

Moved by WITT, second by WHITE, to direct staff to proceed with developing plans and specifications for the Broad Street South sanitary sewer extension. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, White, Wright, Wilson. Abstention: McNaul - due conflict of interest. Motion carried.

- Approval of the engineering services agreement proposed by Veenstra and Kimm in regard to a Hydrogen Sulfide Study.

Moved by WITT, second by MCNAUL, to approve the engineering services agreement proposed by Veenstra and Kimm in regard to a Hydrogen Sulfide Study. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, McNaul, Wright, Wilson, White. Motion carried.

- Approval of the engineering services agreement proposed by Veenstra and Kimm in regard to Brown's 40 Acre Development Utility Extension Improvements.

Moved by WITT, second by MCNAUL, to approve the engineering services agreement proposed by Veenstra and Kimm in regard to Brown's 40 Acre Development Utility Extension Improvements. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, McNaul, White, Wilson, Wright. Motion carried.

- Review the Storm Water Utility Ordinance.

Staff continues to work on this item. They will be meeting with various industries and businesses to discuss the impact this fee will have on their monthly costs.

- Discussion in regard to compost and brush management.

This item will be discussed at the next regular committee meeting.

- D. Report from the Public Safety Committee
(Please Note: This meeting was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2006.)
 - Acceptance of the resignation of Part-time/Volunteer firefighter Stacy Finch.

Wilson informed the city council that the committee accepted her resignation.

- Discussion in regard to filling the vacancy in the position of part-time/volunteer firefighter.

The department currently has one part time firefighter, however feels that two people should be trained to cover the various vacant shifts due to vacations and/or training.

- Approval of the new volunteer firefighters.

There was no action taken on this item.

- Update in regard to EMS meeting.

County EMS services had met to discuss how Midwest Ambulance services are provided. Further review was made in regard to the types of services provided by Midwest.

- Review of the proposed agreement for towing services.

The committee addressed the concern raised in regard to how the city identifies towing services. The city will soon be requesting proposals and an official contract should be finalized within the month of May.

E. Mayor's Committee Appointment Recommendations:

Moved by WHITE, second by WITT, to approve the Mayor's recommendation and reappoint Darrell Lamb to the Civil Service Commission. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, Witt, Wright, Wilson, McNaul. Motion carried.

Moved by WILSON, second by MCNAUL, to approve the Mayor's recommendation and reappoint Harold Moyer to the Civil Service Commission. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Wilson, McNaul, Wright, Witt, White. Motion carried.

Moved by WHITE, second by MCNAUL, to approve the Mayor's recommendation and appoint John Neff to the Mayor's Art Gallery. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: White, McNaul, Witt, Wilson, Wright. Motion carried.

Moved by MCNAUL, second by WHITE, to approve the Mayor's recommendation and appoint Ellen Vogt to the Mayor's Art Gallery. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McNaul, White, Wilson, Wright, Witt. Motion carried.

Moved by MCNAUL, second by WHITE, to approve the Mayor's recommendation and appoint Ann Geissinger to the Mayor's Art Gallery. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McNaul, White, Witt, Wilson, Wright. Motion carried.

Moved by WITT, second by WHITE, to approve the Mayor's recommendation and appoint Dan Tindall – Historic Preservation Commission. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Witt, White, Wright, McNaul, Wilson. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

FINAL READING OF THE ORDINANCE:

Moved by MCNAUL, second by WHITE, to conduct the final reading of Ordinance No. 1266: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GRINNELL, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE IV." (Architectural Standards – Iowa Highway 146 and US Highway 6 Corridors.) Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McNaul, White, Wilson, Wright, Witt. Motion carried.

INQUIRIES:

Lucille Ahrens questioned when the corner of Broad Street and 5th Avenue will be completed and how it will impact her driveway. Staff will meet with Ahrens to discuss the timeline progress of the construction.

Canfield noted the city will be hosting six international visitors from Turkmenistan.

REPORT FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

Behrens commented the contractor has mobilized for the completion of the Central Business District Project Phase I. Phase II planning will continue this week. Behrens reviewed the meetings scheduled for the upcoming week.

ADJOURN:

Moved by WITT, second by WHITE, to adjourn this regular session of the Grinnell City Council at 7:44 pm. Vote: (5) ayes, motion carried.

ATTEST:

Gordon Canfield, Mayor

Cassandra R. Hage, City Clerk